

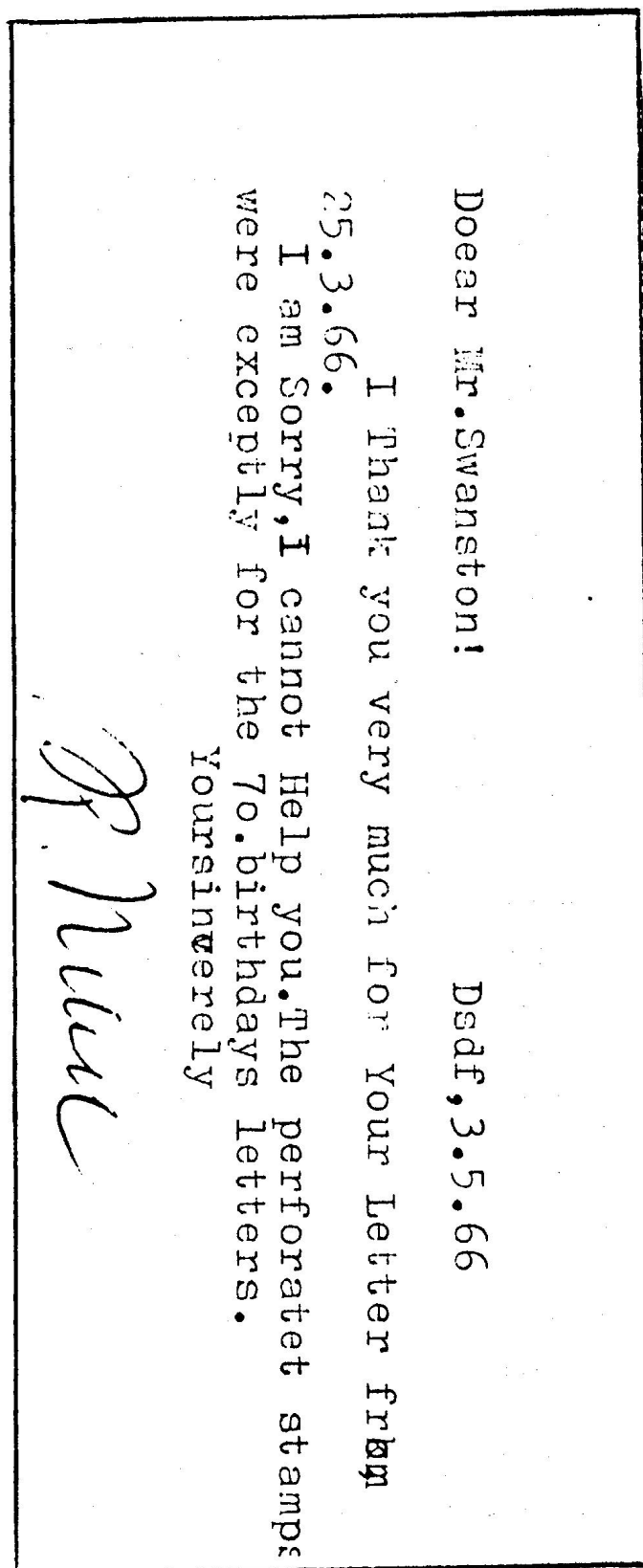
A GERMAN "PHILATELIC PERFIN"

The following details were given to me in 1990 by MR.A.W.SWANSTON, who provided the information for the article in Bulletin 248/8-9 on the perfins of the Australian High Commission in London. Besides being a renowned Australian Philatelist, Mr. Swanston has had published over 30 articles dealing with Space Exploration.

On 28th July 1964 a Rocket Mail Flight was made by a guided rocket from EICHSTATT to WEISS-ENBURG. Light weight covers were flown and some 20f stamps were perforated with a 'plane and the initials R.N. The aim of the flight was to test distance guidance systes.

The only covers which used the perfined stamps were on 70th birthday anniversary covers for RUDOLF NEBEL, a rocket research pioneer: the R.N. his initials and the 'plane representing his research.

The main illustration shows one of these flown covers sent to Mr.Swanston, and signed, by Rudolf Nebel. When Mr.Swanston tried to find out if there were any mint perfins available, the smaller illustration shows the reply he received from Nebel. The stamps were all used on the 70th birthday letters



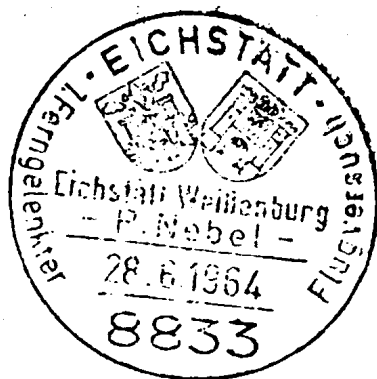
Erster ferngelenkter Flugversuch

Eichstätt-Weissenburg

anlässlich des 70. Geburtstages von
Raketenpionier

RUDOLF NEBEL

zum Zwecke der Erprobung eines
Fernsteuerungssystems für nach-
folgende Versuche der Beförde-
rung mittels Transportraketen.



R. Nebel

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